

In an effort to address the pressures that Wisconsin consumers and businesses experience due to increasing health care costs, Governor Scott McCallum's Small Employer Health Insurance Task Force recognized the need to convene major stakeholders to examine the issues related to Medicare reimbursement inequities in Wisconsin.

As a result, the Office of Commissioner of Insurance, in conjunction with several sponsoring organizations, has scheduled the following:

*Medicare Reimbursement Summit:
Seeking Equity in Medicare Payments and Spending*

When:

April 29, 2002, 8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Where:

*Quality Inn South
4916 East Broadway, Madison*

Representatives from several of Wisconsin's largest health care organizations will define the problem and explain its impact on Wisconsin providers, taxpayers, insurers and consumers.

- John Smylie, Chief Administrative Officer, Security Health Plan
- Tim Size, President, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative
- George Quinn, Vice President of Finance, Wisconsin Health & Hospital Association

In addition, Tom Still from the Wisconsin State Journal, will moderate an experienced panel of experts through a discussion of recent activity in Washington and Wisconsin's future involvement.

- Paul Ryan, U.S. Representative, 1st District
- Steve Brenton, President, Wisconsin Health & Hospital Association Wisconsin
- Tom Hefty, Chief Executive Officer, Cobalt Corporation
- Susan Turney, Physician, Wisconsin Medical Society

*To register for the summit, please contact Jim Guidry by phone at 608.264.6239
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Wisconsin Health and Hospital Association

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Wisconsin Physician Service Insurance Corp.

Wisconsin Association of Health Plans

Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin

Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services